NOAA RESTORATION DAY 2005

Invasive Phragmites Removal



Who: Station Lead: John Collins

Station Assistants: NOAA: Howard Townsend, Jason Rolfe

PAX: Doug Lister, Kevin Weinelt

Volunteers: 25

What: Portions of the site have started to show the presence of Phragmites, a highly opportunistic invasive plant that has the ability to spread very rapidly via both seed and a thick rhizome root. For areas where only individual plants have started to crop up, we will try to hand pull each plant, getting as much rhizome root as possible. At the Priest Point site, the plants are more dense and established, and cutting may be the only means.

When: First action AM activity, immediately following opening remarks.

Where: Volunteers meet at Priest Point, site of the largest Phrag invasion.

How: Divide into 3 smaller sub-groups for each shore Phragmites site, and one larger group to deal with Priest Point. Use cutting tools or large shovels to excavate out the bulk of the plant material. Use good observation and oftentimes you'll see nearby new shoots also creeping through. If you are not sure if it is Phragmites, ask. Gloves are available if you didn't bring any. Put plant debris in large trash bags and leave at the top of the berm.

Other Details:

- -Use gloves, as reed shoots can give paper cut-like cuts.
- -Use care when using the multiple types of cutting tools—Look twice cut once!
- -Wheelbarrows are available for moving heavy root masses.
- -If you should be injured in any way, please let your team leader know ASAP.
- -First Aid kits will be located at the Oyster/SAV area, at the Pavilion, and Wetland Site.

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